

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Seward

Seward is a home rule city located on Resurrection Bay on the east coast of the Kenai Peninsula, about 125 highway miles south of Anchorage. It is the gateway to the Kenai Fjords National Park. Seward is part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 2,619, a loss of about 211 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 66 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 24 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Correctional Officers and Jailers than any other occupation.

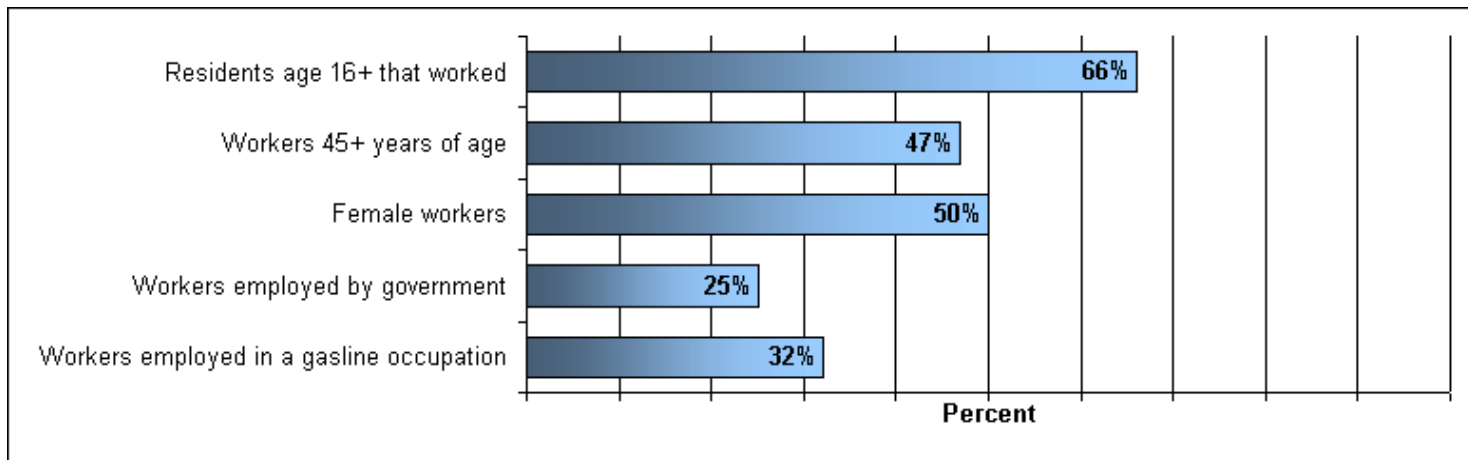
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Seward Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	1,624	Total wages	\$32,876,526
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	1,074	Private	801
Male	535	State government	145
Female	536	Local government	128
Age 45+	503	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	367	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	993
		Percent working all 4 quarters	63.7%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	233	Some construction	137
		At least 1 year construction	80
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	52
New hires	391	Worked in an AGIA occupation	738

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2008 Residents

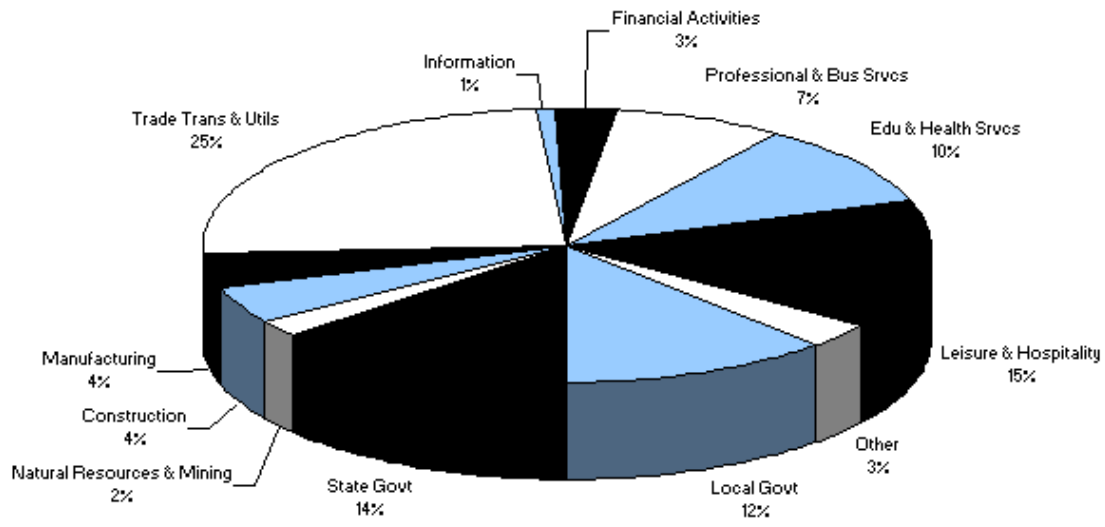


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Correctional Officers and Jailers HOT JOB	50	30.0%	30	19
Cashiers	43	58.1%	16	15
Waiters and Waitresses	29	86.2%	8	5
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	25	64.0%	20	16
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	25	92.0%	14	9
Captains, Mates, and Pilots of Water Vessels HOT JOB	25	24.0%	11	9
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	24	91.7%	13	7
Retail Salespersons	24	87.5%	15	13
Sailors and Marine Oilers	22	4.5%	6	3
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	21	9.5%	8	6
Food Preparation Workers AGIA	19	52.6%	6	4
Hotel, Motel, and Resort Desk Clerks	18	61.1%	8	6
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants AGIA HOT JOB	17	76.5%	8	6
Cooks, Restaurant AGIA	17	23.5%	4	2
Registered Nurses HOT JOB	17	94.1%	12	9
Office Clerks, General AGIA	17	100.0%	9	7
General and Operations Managers	16	31.2%	11	7
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	14	0.0%	2	0
Customer Service Representatives	14	92.9%	8	6
Bartenders	13	61.5%	5	5
Healthcare Support Workers, All Other	13	76.9%	8	3

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	22	14.3%	11	5
Construction	48	8.3%	17	8
Manufacturing	43	25.6%	21	15
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	262	45.8%	108	87
Information	8	62.5%	2	1
Financial Activities	31	83.9%	13	7
Professional and Business Services	80	47.5%	39	28
Educational and Health Services	108	81.3%	67	52
Leisure and Hospitality	163	54.0%	50	37
State Government	145	40.3%	94	64
Local Government	128	55.5%	65	50
Other	32	68.8%	16	13
Unknown	*	*	*	*

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Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	192	301	333	360

**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

State of AK (excludes U of A)
Seward City of
Providence Hospital Payroll
Seward Assoc for Advance Marin
Kenai Peninsula Borough School
State of AK Academic
Ciri Alaska Tourism Corp
Safeway Inc
Seaview Community Services
Trend Const & Breeze Inn Motel

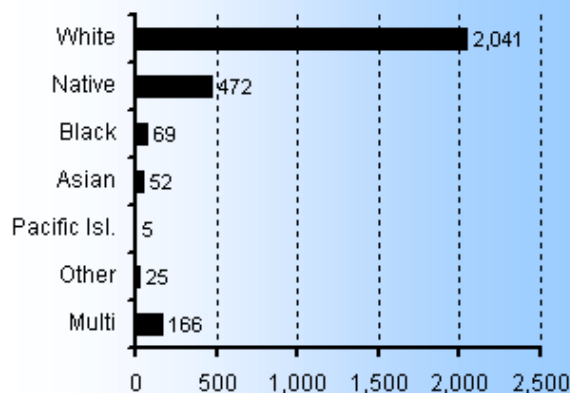
Population over Time



2000 Census

Median Age	37.1
Average Family Size	3.0
Average Household Size	2.4
Per Capita Income	\$20,360
Median Family Income	\$54,904
Median Household Income	\$44,306

Population by Race



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

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